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The reply brief filed January 18, 2000 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

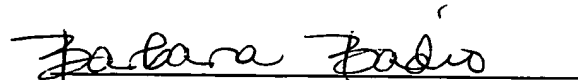
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara Badio whose telephone number is (703) 308-4595. The examiner can normally be reached between 7:30 am and 4 pm.

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